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**REMARKS**

The Applicant has amended the specification and claims to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the examiner's rejections, and to define the invention patentably over the prior art.

1. Examiner's Remarks 2 through 6 of the office action dated 3/22/2012

In response to the Examiner's rejection of Applicant's prior amendment, which added new matter to the original specification, the Applicant is submitting a new amendment to the specification that replaces the terminology "kindling bodies" with "fuel component", as provided for in the original specification.

2. Examiner's Remarks 8 and 9; rejection of claims 1, 13-15, 35-36 and 44 based on 35

U.S.C 103(a)

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to distinguish the present invention from the subject matter disclosed in Posson (4,220,087), in view of Richardson et al. (3,712,222). In particular, the functional element "Rapid Axial Ignition Means", previously described in claim 1, has been replaced with a corresponding structural recitation of the claimed feature of the present invention.

As currently amended, the term "elongate pyrotechnic element" describes a component of the incendiary strand that includes a deflagrative composition comprised of a "first combustible fuel compound". The ignitive central core of the device disclosed in Posson

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includes a fuel compound, and Richardson et al. (222) discloses a fuel material that may be substituted in such a pyrotechnic composition. The present invention's "first combustible fuel compound" corresponds with this feature of Posson (087), and many other similar known devices.

The "second combustible fuel component" of the present invention distinguishes from Posson (087), in that Posson does not provide for, nor suggest, a secondary stage of combustion for achieving the results described in the present application. The applicant's invention discloses a novel combination of known rapid ignition devices, such as described in Posson (087), with one or more separate fuel bodies that provide for sustained combustion subsequent to the operative action of the rapid ignition "fuse".

By way of this amendment, claim 1 has been further narrowed to include "fragmentation means", as described in Paragraph [0033] of the amended specification, and previously presented as Claim 35 (now cancelled).

3. Examiner's Remark 10; Allowance of Claim 76

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of Claim 76, with appreciation.

4. Examiner's Remark 12; Identification of McCaffery (4,402,270) as prior art

Applicant acknowledges the relevancy of McCaffery (270), which discloses a detonation cord having a hollow central channel wherein delay elements may be inserted.

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5. Amendments to the Claims

The claims of the present application have been amended, as follows:

Claim 1 has been amended as described in Remark 2, above.

Claim 13 has been cancelled, as the subject matter is now included in Claim 1.

Claims 14-15 have been amended to depend from Claim 1, instead of Claim 13.

Claims 16-17 have been amended to replace the term "kindling body" with the appropriate terminology used in the presently-amended Claim 1.

Claim 26 has been amended to depend from Claim 1, instead of Claim 13.

Claim 35 has been cancelled, as the subject matter is now included in Claim 1.

Claim 47 has been amended to now read as an independent claim.

Claim 77 has been added as a new claim. Originally presented as Claim 2 (Cancelled).

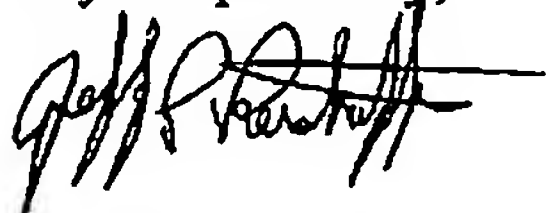
Claim 78 has been added as a new claim. Originally presented as Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 79 has been added as a new claim. Originally presented as Claim 12 (Cancelled)

**CONCLUSION**

For all of the above reasons, applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore the applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

Very Respectfully,



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